I. Nature of activities

The COFO activities in Moss Point, wherein the office is located, and adjacent Pascagula, are similar to those in other areas of the state. There are Freedom Schools, canvassing for voter registration in the earlier part of the summer, concentration on Freedom Democratic Party during the latter half of the summer, organization of Mississippi Student Union, and working on organizing the local people into a working political organization through the medium of block captains and precinct meetings.

II. Harassment from private parties.

2. July 6 special report on shooting at mass meeting: Jesse Stallworth, a local Negro girl, was shot at a mass meeting and hospitalized.

2. Affidavit from Mrs. Alvina Grandison: fired from job because of COFO activity. This is frequently threatened, and operates as effective deterrent to people working in civil rights activity.


4. Report in a Special Report, July 6 & 7, under Harassment: W. Winam was threatened by a man with a blackjack.

III. Harassment, etc. from public officials.

2. Arrests in Pascagula for having meeting on private property

2. Affidavit dated July 14, by Robert Campbell: city employee was told, along with all other Negro city employees, by city commissioner that they should not be active with COFO.

3. Report dated June 31, Moss Point: Two COFO workers arrested for nothing, thrown in cell block where other prisoners had been encouraged to beat them up.


5. Statement of James Jones: police picked him up and beat him, breaking his jaw.

6. Statements of Lamar Turnipseed, Joe Brown, Edward Wiggins and Charles Jackson: examples of how police pick up Negroes for anything they want to, whenever they want to. Small fines were paid by each.

IV. Protection from local officials.

The protection offered is adequate from violence. They are more sophisticated and subtle than in to allow COFO workers to get beaten up. This is not an inviolate rule, however, as the incident in jail when prisoners were encouraged to beat up COFO workers.